

PLEASE AMEND THE DRAWINGS AS FOLLOWS.

Please amend Fig. 1 to include the legend "Prior Art," as shown in red.

PLEASE CANCEL THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS.

Please cancel claim 51.

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Please amend claim 52 as follows.

52. (AMENDED) A magnetoresistive read head with laminated magnetic shields comprising:

- a first laminated magnetic shield;
- a magnetoresistive sensor element formed on said first laminated magnetic shield;
- a second laminated magnetic shield formed on said magnetoresistive sensor;

wherein the first laminated magnetic shield comprises:

- a substrate;
- a layer of Al_2O_3 of thickness between 0.5 microns and 10 microns formed on said substrate;
- a first layer of ferromagnetic material formed on said layer of Al_2O_3 ;
- a layer of ruthenium formed on said first layer of ferromagnetic material;
- a second layer of ferromagnetic material formed on said layer of ruthenium;

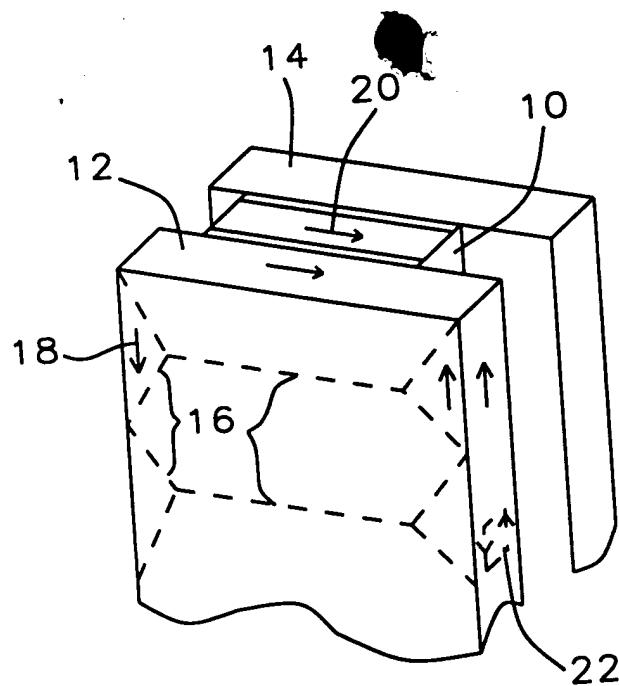


FIG. 1 PRIOR ART.

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